

DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY
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November 9th, 1950.

Miss Elizabeth Hage, Librarian,
Scott County Library,
Eldridge, Iowa.

Dear Miss Hage:

Our library vote Tuesday carried 3250 yes to 943 no. And my we are happy as I was rather upset yesterday- the ballot was separate so we did not know till late yesterday; and in the morning one of the deputies in the auditor's office said that he had heard a great deal of opposition in the county. I think most of this was from a misunderstanding of the proposition.

Now we are asking some help - could you send us a copy of your budget for the present year? Because we hope to make up a new budget and I think should ask for more morning, however, this is only my idea but I would like something at hand to use as a sample. I know that you have more to do than time allows but perhaps you'd take a little for some suggestions also.

We are having a Book Reviews and poster contest again this year on the 18th of November. Children from one of the county schools are putting on a playlet while the judges decide the winners. One of the literature classes at one of our colleges decide on the best thirty or more to read their reviews today two art teacher's in the public schools will decide the poster winners. Books are given to the winners as prizes.

Best wishes and thank you for your help.

Catherine M. Seitz
Catherine M. Seitz, County Librarian.

Eldridge, Iowa
November 28, 1950

Miss Catherine M. Seitz, Librarian
Dubuque County Library
Court House
Dubuque, Iowa

Dear Miss Seitz:

Congratulations! I was very pleased to have your letter telling of the success of the vote for the county library. And what a satisfactory majority! I'm sorry I haven't answered your letter earlier; but two thousand and one things always push my correspondence to the bottom of the pile on my desk whenever I think I'm going to get letters answered.

I'm sorry I can't send you a copy of this year's budget, for it wasn't set up item by item in library terms; but I can tell you what the board figured on as probably expenditures, and based their askings on those figures. Salaries - \$10,000; books - \$20,000; \$2,700 rent - which includes heat and a double garage, and is a fixed amount for the period of a five year lease; \$8,000 for truck expense, equipment, etc.

Here's the way it's worked out so far for the year 1950. Here also are figures for the 1951 budget. The 1950 figures included through October.

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
Binding	none	\$500.00
Books	\$10,080.04	12,000.00
Heat	Included in rent	
Janitor	???	2x50 250.00
supplies		
Lights	85.15	150.00
Periodicals	none	150.00
Furniture,	4,511.77	7500.00
equipment,		
perm. imp.		
Travel &	220.99	500.00
convention		
expense		
Postage,	?????	300.00
freight,		
express		
Printing	none	200.00
Salaries		14,700.00
Lib. Supplies	944.89	2500.00
Truck expense	415.46	1500.00 (will be for two trucks)
Rent	2700.00	2700.00
Telephone	?????	100.00